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Memorandum of Conversation
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DATE: August 2, 1954
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SUBJECT: Guatemalan Situation

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador John E. Peurifoy, Guatemala
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland HFH

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Ambassador Peurifoy called to say that there had been some trouble in Guatemala last night. This morning 60 cadets from the school attacked the Liberation Army. Last night some of the Liberation Army got drunk - captured two students from the academy, stripped them and killed one. planes have been flying over the city since 5 o'clock this morning. Ambassador Peurifoy saw Colonel Monzon this morning. He came to Ambassador Peurifoy's nome. Ambassador Peurifoy said that Castillo Armas was out of town but expected back in 30 minutes. Peurifoy was going to the Palace to see the Junta within 30 minutes. He was sure that it was a local thing and there were no signs of Communist activity.

The Ambassador added that he had been planning to leave tomorrow but now would stay until everything is quiet again. He said that everybody is on the alert, the town is quite excited, but they have the fire stopped. He added that he thought there had been a few casualties, and promised to call back this afternoon if necessary.

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